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## PAYNE MARYLAND PROJECT UPDATE

## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

Construction of Phase 1 of the Payne Maryland Community Center and Library is moving very well, other than the rain delays we have had. The basement walls, which are poured concrete, have been almost all completed. Structural steel support columns and beams supporting the main floor have been installed, and decking is being placed on the beams so that pouring the floor of the main level may begin. Water proofing is installed on the lower portion of the walls seen here.



The northwest corner, lower level.

Lower level recreation desk area.

As the work progresses, workers will begin backfilling soil around these lower-level walls so that main level work can begin. Moving the soil piles to backfill the walls will allow other site work to begin. By mid-July, the drilling of the 80 geo-thermal wells for heating and cooling will begin in the field area.

The future parking area is currently being used as a staging area for materials by the contractors. It will be graded and shaped for paving later this summer.





Walking through the construction, you can begin to envision the rooms we will have.



The gymnasium, looking northwest

The Teen Room



As contractors submit for approval all their materials and details, one of interest is the sample panel of exterior brick. You can see here that it is made of bricks with different shades of color in a defined mixture. The mortar color was also selected to complement the brick colors. This sample has been approved for installation.

## **CONSTRUCTION ZONE CONTROLS:**

A reminder: The construction site is now completely fenced and is closed to the public during construction. Please note that, even though the gates on the former Rose Avenue may be open during construction hours to allow truck traffic, entry into the site is dangerous to both the workers and the pedestrians. For this reason, the public is not allowed on the construction site without special permission.

OSHA inspections are occurring on a weekly basis to ensure worker safety. Guidelines for protective clothing and visibility are being strictly enforced, and no worker accidents have occurred to this point.

Storm water and pollution prevention guidelines are also being strictly enforced, and inspections by the City's special testing agent and the Capital Region Watershed District inspectors are also occurring at least once a week.